



RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 04 2005

**North America
Intellectual Property Corporation**

P.O. BOX 506, Merrifield, VA 22116, U.S.A.

Voice Mail: 302-729-1562 FAX: 806-498-6673 e-mail: winstonhsu@naipo.com

FAX TO: ART UNIT: 2825

Tel.: (571) 272-2800

Fax: (703) 872-9306

FROM: Winston Hsu, PATENT AGENT, REG. NO.: 41,526

SERIAL NO.: 10/708,946

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: NAUP0493USA1

SUBJECT: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TOTAL PAGES: 14 PAGES (INCLUDING COVER PAGE)

Winston Hsu 2005/01/04

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

NAUP0493USA1_D1_1

PTO/SB/97 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0681-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on 01/04/2005
Date

Sheryl Lee
Signature

Sheryl Lee

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Voice Mail: 302-729-1562

Registration Number, if applicable

Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Application Number: 10/708,946

(1) Transmittal Form	1 PAGE
(2) Fee Transmittal Form	1 PAGE
(3) Information Disclosure Statement	10 PAGES

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

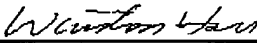
If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/708,946	
	Filing Date	04/02/2004	
	First Named Inventor	Jiunn-Ren Hwang	
	Art Unit	2825	
	Examiner Name	N/A	
Total Number of Pages In This Submission	12	Attorney Docket Number	NAUP0493USA1

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Remarks	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Name	North America Intellectual Property Corporation		
Signature			
Printed name	Winston Hsu		
Date	01/04/2005	Reg. No.	41,526

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:			
Signature			
Typed or printed name		Date	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/SB/17 (12-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

Effective on 12/08/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 0.00

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/708,946
Filing Date 04/02/2004
First Named Inventor Jiunn-Ren Hwang
Examiner Name N/A
Art Unit 2825
Attorney Docket No. NAUP0493USA1

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):
☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number 50-3105 Deposit Account Name: North America Intellectual Property Corp.

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☒ Credit any overpayments

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=				
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
- 3 or HP =	x	=				
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3						

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other:

SUBMITTED BY

Signature	<i>Winston Hsu</i>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 41,526	Telephone 302-729-1562
Name (Print/Type)	Winston Hsu		Date 01/04/2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/SB/D8A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/708.946
--------------------	------------

Filing Date	04/02/2004
-------------	------------

First Named Inventor	Jiunn-Ren Hwang
----------------------	-----------------

Art Unit	2825
----------	------

Examiner Name	N/A
---------------	-----

Attorney Docket Number	NAUP0493USA1
------------------------	--------------

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ² Number ⁴ Kind Code ³ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
	1	JPN-3-30332	02/08/1991			+
	2	JPN-1-186624	07/26/1989			+

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jiunn-Ren Hwang, Jui-Tsen Huang, Chang-Jyh Hsieh
5 Filing Date: 04/02/2004
Art Unit: 2825
Serial No.: 10/708,946
Docket No.: NAUP0493USA1

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
JAN 14 2005

10 Title: OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION METHOD

To: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

15

Subject: Information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Dear Sir:

20

This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the
25 examiner initials the cited reference on the form and that it be made of record in the application and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to the applicant with the next communication from the examiner.

Since this IDS is filed before the mailing date of the first Office
30 action, consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 CFR §1.97(e).

That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in an Office communication from the State Intellectual Property Office of P.R.China in a counterpart China patent application on October 15, 2004, which are no more than
5 three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. The applicant requests that the examiner consider the items contained in this IDS.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and
10 M.P.E.P. 609, the applicants are submitting a copy of the cited reference (JPH03-30332A, JPH01-186624A) and their English language abstracts hereinafter.

The abstract of the application (JPH03-30332A) is hereby presented
15 to fulfill the information disclosure statement requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and M.P.E.P. 609. The English language abstract of the application (JPH03-30332A) is listed as follows:

PURPOSE:

20 To suppress side etching effectively and to obtain a pattern having the approximately designed width by providing dummy masks at large spaces between the patterns when a pattern mask is provided.

CONSTITUTION:

25 When a pattern mask 3a is provided, dummy masks 3b and 3c are provided at the large spaces between patterns. Namely, the pattern 3a covers a part corresponding to a specified pattern. The dummy masks 3b and 3c cover parts where the large spaces remain between the patterns. When the Al thin film at an unmasked part is removed by reacting ion etching, an Al pattern 2a and dummy patterns 2b and 2c are formed. Side
30 etching is hard to progress at the Al pattern 2a since there are the dummy masks 3b and 3c. The pattern width that is the approximately the mask width is obtained. Thus, the pattern having the approximately designed width can be obtained.

The abstract of the application (JPH01-186624A) is hereby presented to fulfill the information disclosure statement requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and M.P.E.P. 609. The English language abstract
5 of the application (JPH01-186624A) is listed as follows:

PURPOSE:


To make it possible to obtain a desired pattern configuration even if etching is performed under the same condition, by forming dummy pattern to make a pattern
10 density uniform.

CONSTITUTION:

An etching pattern 11 and a dummy pattern 12 are formed in the same surface of a circuit element to make an etching pattern density of an integrated circuit device
15 uniform. It is possible to obtain a desired pattern configuration even if the whole integrated circuit element are etched away under the same condition, by making the etching pattern density uniform.

Respectfully Submitted,

20



Date: January 4, 2005

Winston Hsu, Patent Agent No. 41,526

P.O. BOX 506, Merrifield, VA 22116, U.S.A.

25 Voice Mail: 302-729-1562

Facsimile: 806-498-6673

e-mail : winstonhsu@naipo.com

Note: Please leave a message in my voice mail if you need to talk to me. The time
30 difference between D.C. and Taiwan is 13 hours. The preferred time period for telephone conversation is 7 AM (or earlier) – 11 AM, D.C. time.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☐ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.